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DON'T SHOOT GAME IN SPRING.

Strict Observance of Game Laws this Season  
Necessary to Protect Wild Fowl.

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Birds which have survived the

fall hunting season and have successfully withstood the winter months should be allowed to pass in peace to their breeding grounds in the spring, say officials of the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, in a statement just issued urging hunters to observe and enforce existing game laws. One of the most important and necessary steps in the conservation of wild game, the specialists add, is the prohibition of spring shooting of wild fowl. Sportsmen should refrain from hunting at this season not only from a sense of fairness but because such action is absolutely necessary to the continued existence of wild fowl. The spring-flight birds are the stock from which must be derived the annual crop harvested in the fall gunning season, as well as a surplus to furnish the next year's breeders.

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(Editors:- The additional details below are for publications  
desiring more particulars.)  
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A great victory for game conservation was won with the passage of the first Federal law for the protection of migratory birds, the department specialists believe. Instead of separate statutes for each State, often conflicting in purpose and devised without special thought of the perpetuation of the game supply, the country now has a law applicable in the same form over large areas and having as one of its main purposes, the stopping of the very destructive practice of spring shooting. The benefits resulting from this law are unquestionable, for ever since it has been in effect reports have come from all parts of the country of a steady increase in the number of migratory game birds.

The Migratory Bird Law of 1913 has been superseded by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, putting into force the treaty with Great Britain for the protection

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